

19. 'In thy friendship, INDIT SOMA, I
have re-
joiced day by day; many (*Mdkshasas*)
assail me,
tawny-coloured (SOMA) ; overcome these
who sur-
round me.

20. ²I (delight) in thy presence, tawny-
coloured
SOMA, both day and night, for the sake
of thy
friendship may we soar like birds far
beyond the
sun³ blazing with thy light.

21. ⁴Fair-fingered (SOMA) being
cleansed thou
utterest a sound in the pitcher; thou
bringest,
PAVAMA^A, ample golden-hued much-
coveted wealth.

22. The showerer of benefits, cleansed
and filtered
in the woollen fleece, thou criest aloud in
the water;
SOMA PAVAMAXA, mixed with the curds and
milk,
thou goest to the prepared (station) of
the gods.

23. ⁵Flow, SOMA, to all praises to
procure food
(for us); thou, the exhilarator of the
gods, art the
chief supporter of the firmament.

24. Flow quickly, SOMA, with thy
supports, to
the terrestrial and celestial
worlds; the sages

¹ Sama Veda, I. 6. 1. 3. 6; II. 3. 1. 11. 1.

³ Sama Veda, II. 3. 1. 11. 2, with *tavdham* for
utdham, and
duhanah for *takliydyā*.

^s Sayana makes *parah* an adjective agreeing with
turyam, and

explains *t&ryam* as meaning the *Soma* " may we
fly to thee, the
distant sun."

⁴ Verses 21 and 22 occur Sama Veda, II. 4. II
12, with
variations; verse 21 also *Hid.* I. 6. L 3. 7.

⁵ Sama Veda, I. ft. 1. 3. 11; with several
variations.